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Admiral W. F. Raborn
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Raborn:

As you know, the Special State-Defense Study Group has been working since the summer of 1965 on a long-range study of Communist China. I have been associated with this effort as the State Department member of the Senior Policy Group to which the Study Group reports.

The final version of the long-range China study will be distributed in about two weeks. Now that this major interdepartmental effort is drawing to a close, I should like to express my deep appreciation for the part which CIA has played in it. Completion of the China study would literally have been impossible without CIA's support.

You were, of course, ably represented on the Study Group itself by [REDACTED] of DD/P. In addition, the Study Group received full cooperation from all relevant components of DD/I, DD/S and T and DD/P. DD/S and T gave the Group a number of useful briefings on Chinese military research and development programs and supplied information on Chinese scientific and technical manpower. DD/P contributed useful comments on aspects of the study particularly within its purview.

By the very nature of the project, however, the most extensive support was provided by DD/I. ORR prepared

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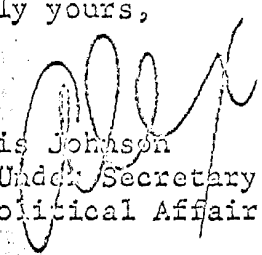
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excellent analyses of trends and prospects in the economies of mainland China and surrounding areas. These analyses were incorporated virtually in toto in the study's economic annex. Both ORR and OCI briefed the Study Group on a number of important subjects and met informally with members of the Group to discuss various aspects of the study.

Useful drafts and comments on military problems were contributed by the JAG. Comments from ONE covered the full range of the China problem and were of typically high quality. DD/I/RS provided unique expertise and judgments, especially in political matters, and also efficiently performed the task of rounding up comments on Study Group drafts from various parts of CIA.

All in all, CIA's support of the China study could scarcely have been improved on. I am most grateful for all that you and your organization have done to further this important effort.

Sincerely yours,


U. Alexis Johnson
Deputy Under Secretary
for Political Affairs

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